

Environment
Teach-ins

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HHH Statement to be included in remarks for CROOKSTON,
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In the coming weeks the students of our colleges,
universities and high schools will give special emphasis
to the problems of our environment. Let us also hope

Dennis Peterson

Environment

Pollution

that these pollution conferences will concern themselves
with not only the problems but the improvement of our
environment. There are no "over night" solutions.....

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Much of the pollution control measures are going to
require legislation from the Congress and the state
legislature, and require action from the President and
the Governor, and additional local action from city
councils and mayors as well as from industry. A good

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deal of this legislation will be costly if we are to
set right the wrongs that have been created in our
ecological system. The higher cost is a result of the
new technology necessary for controlling the pollution
of the air and water.

My coming to 7th
Bob Berglund
+ Action set for DNE!

Act of nature

Bob Berglund

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What we can do

Nevertheless, there are some things that can be done that will immediately improve the environment that are of little or no cost and only require individual citizen responsibility and participation. For example, as we discuss the problems of our physical environment and what to do about it, let's get busy and do something about it. We can clean up junk

yards in our local communities.....we can eliminate backyard

burning of household refuse.....we can take a look at

ourselves and how we act and realize that there is an

endless list of small personal efforts that each one of us

can do that will have an immediate and radical effect on

the air we breathe and the water we drink. ^ The time has

come for individual awareness on the crisis confronting

us in our physical environment. The people of our state

will never have a better opportunity for participation,

insight and knowledge of the depths of this crisis than

during the month of April when the students of our schools

will bring into hundreds of Minnesota communities open

forums of discussion and information on these pollution

problems.

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I am personally going to take part in as many of these conferences as possible and I want to urge you..... especially those of you in this audience of the adult generation.....to support the efforts of these concerned students by your participation in their seminars and your encouragement of their goals. I am sure you will see, as I did recently at a similar environmental conference at the high school in Lakeville, Minnesota, that these young people are sounding an alert to those of us of my generation that they want to do something about the very critical challenge of improving our environment. Their first step in this direction will be environmental teach-ins, seminars, symposiums and conferences, through well reasoned, thoroughly discussed and thoughtfully prepared solutions arrived at in a free exchange of information and dialogue with experts in the field, with community and state leaders, and with each other.



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